

Getting into a "Scrape."

When a boy or young man gets into a "scrape" he is supposed to have gotten into some kind of devilry, but the old meaning is somewhat different. A "scrape" is a hole which deer dig in the ground at certain seasons of the year, and the man who fell into one of these holes was usually lucky to get out with a broken bone.

Shields Protect Propellers.

Because of the great number of salmon nets spread in the Columbia river and in the sea near its mouth, boats plying those waters are provided with propeller and rudder shields. These enable the boats to run over a net without becoming entangled.

One Possibility.

He—"Nothing could ever come between us, could it, dear?" She—"I can't think of a single thing, unless I should happen to become engaged to some other man before we get married."—Pearson's Weekly.

We Wouldn't, You May.

"Would you call the lady you sing with in the church choir a chants acquaintance?"—Boston Transcript.

Flying Fish.

Flying fish are chiefly found along the trade path of the North Atlantic.

Safe Proposition.

Above the public all you like; no one ever considers it a personal affront.

A Pen Joke.

A boy who is a firm believer in the "raise-a-pig" plan has a porker which he has christened "ink," because he says the pig runs so freely from the pen.

Pacific Deepest Ocean.

It is believed that the Pacific is fully a mile deeper than any other ocean.

Daily Thought.

Wine to resolve and patient to reform.—Homer.

Good Stain Mixture.

Take an ounce of sal-ammoniac and salt of tartar, mix and pour over them a pint of soft water. Dip into it those parts of a white article stained with wine, fruit or mildew. After the stains have thus been removed, wash in the usual manner.

Marriage Custom.

For women to take their husbands' names on the marriage day was a Roman custom. For example, we have Octavia of Cleero, meaning Octavia, wife of Cleero. Now we omit the "of."

Slipper Styles.

In the east, as a general rule, Turks wear yellow slippers, Armenians red and Jews blue.

Optimistic Thought.

It is a bad cause that cannot be talked over in public.

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